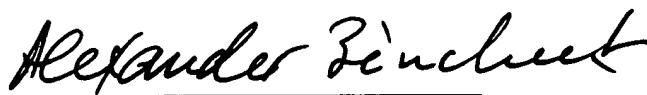


## REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 3-18 have been amended to eliminate their multiple dependency.

An early action on merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

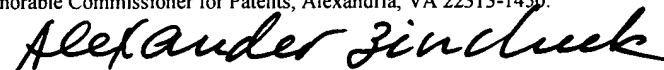


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